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# On algebraicity of special values of $L$ -functions for $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \times \mathrm{GL}_2$

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## Abstract

In this paper, we announce the result of the joint work [8] with Masaaki Furusawa, in which we state a conjecture (see Conjecture 2) on the algebraicity of special values of tensor product  $L$ -functions for automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V})$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_2$  explicating Deligne periods and we show this conjecture at various critical points under certain assumption on the weight (see Theorem 3.1). This algebraicity result is a generalization of our previous result [7, Theorem 1] with respect to critical points and infinity types of automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V})$ .

## § 1. Notation

Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a quadratic space over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\dim \mathbf{V} = n \geq 2$  and  $\mathbf{V} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{R}$  is positive definite. When  $n$  is even, let  $\chi_{\mathbf{V}}$  denote the quadratic character of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\times}$  given by

$$\chi_{\mathbf{V}}(x) = \left( x, (-1)^{n/2} d(\mathbf{V}) \right)_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

where  $(\ , \ )_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is the Hilbert symbol of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $d(\mathbf{V})$  is the discriminant of  $\mathbf{V}$ . When  $n$  is odd, let  $\chi_{\mathbf{V}}$  be the trivial character of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\times}$ .

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We recall that by the highest weight theory, isomorphism classes of finite dimensional irreducible complex representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{R})$  are completely parametrized by

$$\Lambda_n = \begin{cases} \left\{ (m_1, \dots, m_{n'}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n'} \mid m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_{n'} \geq 0 \right\} & \text{when } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \left\{ (m_1, \dots, m_{n'}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n'} \mid m_1 \geq \dots \geq m_{n'-1} \geq |m_{n'}| \right\} & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

with  $n' = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  (for example, see [12, Section 3]). Here  $[x]$  denotes the integer such that  $[x] \leq x < [x] + 1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

For a Hecke character  $\eta$  of  $\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\times}$  of finite order, let  $\eta_0$  be its associated Dirichlet character. Then we denote by  $\mathfrak{g}(\eta)$  the Gauss sum  $\mathfrak{g}(\eta_0)$  for  $\eta_0$ .

For an integer  $k \geq 2$ , let  $S_k^{\mathrm{new}}(\Gamma_0(N), \varepsilon)$  denote the set of normalized newforms for  $\Gamma_0(N)$  of weight  $k$  with Nebentypus  $\varepsilon$ . For  $f \in S_k^{\mathrm{new}}(\Gamma_0(N), \varepsilon)$ , let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(f) e^{2\pi i n z}$$

be the Fourier expansion of  $f$  at the infinity. Then for  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ , the group of field automorphisms of  $\mathbb{C}$ , we define  $f^{\sigma} \in S_k^{\mathrm{new}}(\Gamma_0(N), \varepsilon^{\sigma})$  by

$$f^{\sigma}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n(f)^{\sigma} \cdot e^{2\pi i n z}.$$

For  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ , let us define the  $\sigma$ -twist of a complex representation  $(\pi, V)$  as in Waldspurger [22, 1.1]. Let  $V'$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space with  $\sigma$ -linear (i.e.  $t'(av) = \sigma(a)t'(v)$ ) isomorphism  $t' : V \rightarrow V'$ . Then we define the  $\sigma$ -twist of  $\pi$  by

$$\pi^{\sigma} := t' \circ \pi \circ t'^{-1}.$$

This definition is independent of  $t'$  and  $V'$  up to equivalence of representations.

Finally, for an automorphic representation  $\pi$  and  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ , we define the  $\sigma$ -twist of  $\pi$  by

$$\pi^{\sigma} := \pi_{\mathrm{fin}}^{\sigma} \otimes \pi_{\infty}$$

where  $\pi_{\mathrm{fin}}$  and  $\pi_{\infty}$  are the finite and infinite part of  $\pi$ , respectively, and  $\pi_{\mathrm{fin}}^{\sigma}$  is the  $\sigma$ -twist of  $\pi_{\mathrm{fin}}$  as a complex representation.

## § 2. Deligne's conjecture and its explication for $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \times \mathrm{GL}_2$

In this section, we shall explicate Deligne's conjecture on the algebraicity of special values of motivic  $L$ -functions at critical points when a motive is given by a tensor product of motives corresponding to automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V})$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_2$ .

Let us briefly recall Deligne's conjecture. Readers are referred to Deligne [6, Section 2] and Yoshida [23, Section 2]. In fact, we follow the latter rather closely.

Recall that there are various categories of pure motives. However it is not very important to consider a particular category since our purpose is not to discuss Deligne's conjecture itself but to give a conjecture on special values of  $L$ -functions for automorphic representations explicating Deligne periods. That is why we do not specify a category of motives, and we call an object of any category of motives merely motive.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a motive over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with coefficients in a number field  $E$ . Let  $J_E$  denote the set of all embeddings of  $E$  into  $\mathbb{C}$ . For a finite place  $\lambda$  of  $E$ , let  $H_\lambda(\mathcal{M})$  be the  $\lambda$ -adic realization of  $\mathcal{M}$ , which determines a  $\lambda$ -adic representation  $\sigma_\lambda : \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(H_\lambda(\mathcal{M}))$ . For a prime number  $p$  such that  $(\lambda, p) = 1$ , put

$$Z_p(\mathcal{M}, X) = \det \left( 1 - X \sigma_\lambda(\Phi_p) |_{H_\lambda(\mathcal{M})^{I_p}} \right)^{-1},$$

where  $\Phi_p$  denotes a geometric Frobenius at  $p$  and  $I_p$  denotes the inertia group at  $p$ . Then there exists a finite set  $S$  of primes, so that  $\sigma_\lambda$  is unramified at a prime number  $p \notin S$  and  $Z_p(\mathcal{M}, X)^{-1} \in E_\lambda[X]$  is independent of  $\lambda$ . In general, it is conjectured that this local factor is independent of  $\lambda$  for any  $p$  and that we have  $Z_p(\mathcal{M}, X)^{-1} \in E[X]$  (see [6, 1.1, (1.2.1)]). From now on, we assume these conjectures. Then for  $\sigma \in J_E$ , put

$$L_p(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s) = \sigma Z_p(\mathcal{M}, p^{-s}),$$

and

$$L(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s) = \prod_p L_p(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s).$$

Let

$$H_B(\mathcal{M}) = \bigoplus_{p, q \in \mathbb{Z}} H^{p, q}(\mathcal{M})$$

be the Hodge decomposition of the Betti realization  $H_B(\mathcal{M})$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}$  is of pure weight  $w$ , i.e.,  $H^{p, q}(\mathcal{M}) = 0$  whenever  $p + q \neq w$ . Then it is conjectured that  $L(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s)$  converges absolutely for  $\mathrm{Re}(s) > \frac{w}{2} + 1$  and has a meromorphic continuation to the whole plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Further, associated to the Hodge structure of the Betti realization  $H_B(\mathcal{M})$ , the archimedean local  $L$ -factor  $L_\infty(\mathcal{M}, s)$  is defined independently from  $\sigma \in J_E$  (see Serre [19, Section 3]). Then it is conjectured that  $L(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s)L_\infty(\mathcal{M}, s)$  has a functional equation with respect to  $s \mapsto w + 1 - s$ . Hereafter, we assume these conjectures.

We say that an integer  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  is critical for  $\mathcal{M}$  if neither  $L_\infty(s, \mathcal{M})$  nor  $L_\infty(w + 1 - s, \mathcal{M})$  has a pole at  $s = m$ . If  $m$  is critical for  $\mathcal{M}$ , then we should have

$$(2.1) \quad p < m \leq q \quad \text{whenever } H^{p, q}(\mathcal{M}) \neq \{0\}, p < q.$$

The condition (2.1) is sufficient for  $m$  to be critical if  $w$  is odd. On the other hand, if  $w$  is even and we put  $w = 2p$ , the complex conjugation  $c_\infty$  must act on  $H^{pp}(\mathcal{M})$  by the scalar for which  $\mathcal{M}$  has a critical integer. Put

$$c_\infty = (-1)^{p+\varepsilon}, \quad \varepsilon = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ on } H^{pp}(\mathcal{M}).$$

Then we should have

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{cases} m > p - \varepsilon & \text{if } p + \varepsilon + m \text{ is even,} \\ m < p + \varepsilon + 1 & \text{if } p + \varepsilon + m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Moreover (2.1) and (2.2) are sufficient for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  to be critical for  $\mathcal{M}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  has a critical integer. Then we define Deligne periods  $c^\pm(\mathcal{M})$  (see [6, p.323]) as follows.

Let  $\{F^i(H_{DR}(\mathcal{M}))\}$  be the Hodge filtration of  $H_{DR}(\mathcal{M})$ . When  $w$  is odd, let  $F^+(\mathcal{M}) = F^-(\mathcal{M}) = F^{(w-1)/2}(\mathcal{M})$ . When  $w = 2p$  is even and  $p + \varepsilon$  is even, let

$$F^+(\mathcal{M}) = F^p(H_{DR}(\mathcal{M})) \quad \text{and} \quad F^-(\mathcal{M}) = F^{p+1}(H_{DR}(\mathcal{M})).$$

When  $w = 2p$  is even and  $p + \varepsilon$  is odd, let

$$F^+(\mathcal{M}) = F^{p+1}(H_{DR}(\mathcal{M})) \quad \text{and} \quad F^-(\mathcal{M}) = F^p(H_{DR}(\mathcal{M})).$$

Let us put

$$H_{DR}^+(\mathcal{M}) = H_{DR}(\mathcal{M}) / F^-(\mathcal{M}) \quad \text{and} \quad H_{DR}^-(\mathcal{M}) = H_{DR}(\mathcal{M}) / F^+(\mathcal{M}).$$

Then we have the canonical isomorphisms

$$I^\pm : H_B^\pm(\mathcal{M}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \simeq H_{DR}^\pm(\mathcal{M}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$$

as  $E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$ -modules. Let

$$c^\pm(\mathcal{M}) = \det(I^\pm) \in (E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C})^\times$$

be the determinants calculated by an  $E$ -rational basis. Then Deligne periods  $c^\pm(\mathcal{M})$  are determined up to a multiplication by elements of  $E^\times$ . Further, we remark that Deligne periods are written as periods integrals (see [6, 1.7]).

Now, let us state Deligne's conjecture. We define a function  $L^*(\mathcal{M}, s)$  taking values in  $E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C}$  by assigning  $\{L(\sigma, \mathcal{M}, s)\}_{\sigma \in J_E}$  through the identification  $E \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \simeq \mathbb{C}^{J_E}$ . Then Deligne conjectured that (see [6, Conjecture 2.8])

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{L^*(\mathcal{M}, m)}{(1 \otimes (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{d^\pm(\mathcal{M})m})c^\pm(\mathcal{M})} \in E$$

where double-sign corresponds. Here  $d^\pm(\mathcal{M})$  is the dimension of  $\pm$ -eigen space of the Betti realization of  $\mathcal{M}$ , and  $E$  is embedded into  $\mathbb{C}^{J_E}$  by  $e \mapsto (\sigma(e))_\sigma$ .

Our aim is to explicate Deligne periods for a tensor product motive  $M \otimes N$  when motives  $M$  and  $N$  correspond to automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  and  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ , respectively. Recall that in various situations, Deligne periods for tensor product motives are considered (for example, see Bhagwat–Raghuram [2], Blasius [3] and Yoshida [23], [24]). We shall consider Deligne periods in the following situation.

Suppose that  $f \in S_k^{\mathrm{new}}(\Gamma_0(N), \varepsilon)$  is a Hecke eigenform. We denote by  $\pi = \pi(f)$  the irreducible unitary cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  associated to  $f$ . Let  $\tau$  be an irreducible automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  whose infinite component  $\tau_{\infty}$  is an irreducible representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{R})$  with the highest weight  $(m_1, \dots, m_{n'}) \in \Lambda_n$ . For our computation, we impose three assumptions. First, we assume that a special case of the conjecture by Clozel [5, Conjecture 4.5] holds, which states an existence of motives corresponding to algebraic automorphic representations of general linear groups. Indeed, we assume the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 1** (Conjecture 4.5 in Clozel [5]). *Let  $\Pi$  be an irreducible algebraic automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_{2r}(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Then there exists a motive  $M_{\Pi}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with coefficients in a number field  $E_{\Pi}$  such that  $M_{\Pi}$  is of pure weight and we have*

$$L_v(\sigma, M_{\Pi}, s) = L\left(s - \frac{1}{2}, \Pi_v^{\sigma}\right)$$

for any place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\sigma \in J_{E_{\Pi}}$ .

Second of all, we impose the following two assumptions on  $\tau$ .

*Assumptions.*

1. There exists an irreducible automorphic representation  $\Pi_{\tau}$  of  $\mathrm{GL}_m(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  such that  $(\Pi_{\tau})_v$  is the local transfer of  $\tau_v$  for almost all finite places and the infinite place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  where

$$m = \begin{cases} n - 1 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd,} \\ n & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

with  $n = \dim \mathbf{V}$ .

2.  $\tau$  is tempered.

We give some remarks on these assumptions. In Arthur [1], he showed an existence of a functorial lift from quasi-split inner forms of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V})$  to  $\mathrm{GL}_m$ , conditional on the stabilization of twisted trace formulas. Further, when  $\tau$  is tempered (i.e. the second assumption holds), he states an existence of the functorial lift in the first assumption without a proof (see Arthur [1, Theorem 9.5.3]). One can be optimistic that the first assumption for our  $\tau$  will be verified in a near future.

Further, we would like to give a remark on an algebraicity of automorphic representations of  $\mathrm{GL}_m(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  given in the first assumption. In order to simplify our argument in this remark, we suppose that  $\dim \mathbf{V}$  is even. However, as we remark later, a similar result holds even when  $\dim \mathbf{V}$  is odd.

Let us recall the Langlands parameter of  $\tau_{\infty}$ . Let  $W_{\mathbb{R}}$  be the Weil group of  $\mathbb{R}$ , which contains  $\mathbb{C}^{\times}$  as a normal subgroup of index two. For each  $a \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}$ , we define a unitary character  $\chi_a : \mathbb{C}^{\times} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^1$  by

$$\chi_a(z) = \left(\frac{z}{\bar{z}}\right)^a$$

and we define a two-dimensional representation of  $W_{\mathbb{R}}$  by

$$V(a) = \mathrm{Ind}_{\mathbb{C}^{\times}}^{W_{\mathbb{R}}}(\chi_a).$$

We know that the Langlands parameter of  $\tau_{\infty}$  is given by

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n/2} V(m_i + n - i)$$

where  $(m_1, \dots, m_{n/2})$  is the highest weight of  $\tau_{\infty}$ . Then we can easily show that  $(\Pi_{\tau})_{\infty}$  is algebraic in the sense of Clozel [5]. Since  $\Pi_{\tau}$  should be an isobaric automorphic representation from the second assumption,  $\Pi_{\tau}$  is an algebraic automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ . We also note that  $\Pi_{\tau}$  is uniquely determined by the strong multiplicity one theorem for isobaric automorphic representations. On the other hand, when  $\dim \mathbf{V}$  is odd, in a similar argument, we see that  $\Pi_{\tau} \otimes |\cdot|^{-1/2}$  is an algebraic automorphic representation.

Let us go back to a situation with no assumption on  $\dim \mathbf{V}$ .

*Then the above remark and Conjecture 1 imply that there exists a motive  $M_{\tau}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with coefficients in a number field  $E_{\tau}$  such that  $M_{\tau}$  is of pure weight and we have*

$$L_v(\sigma, M_{\tau}, s) = L\left(s - \frac{i}{2}, \tau_v^{\sigma}\right) \quad \text{where } i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 0 & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

*for any place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\sigma \in J_{E_{\tau}}$ . Here we define  $L(s, \tau_v) = L(s, (\Pi_{\tau})_v)$  for any place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .*

On the other hand, Scholl [18, Theorem 1.2.4] showed that there exists a rank two (Grothendieck) motive  $N_{\pi}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with coefficients in a number field  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$  such that  $N_{\pi}$  is of pure weight and we have

$$L_v(\sigma, N_{\pi}, s) = L\left(s - \frac{j}{2}, \pi_v^{\sigma}\right) \quad \text{where } j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } k \text{ is even,} \\ 0 & \text{when } k \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

for any place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\sigma \in J_{\mathbb{Q}(f)}$ . Here,  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$  is the algebraic number field generated by Fourier coefficients of  $f$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then we computed  $c^\pm(M_\tau \otimes N_\pi)$  in Appendix to [8], and we obtained the following formulas.

**Lemma 2.1** (Appendix to [8]). *Suppose all assumptions above, and assume that*

$$k - 2m_1 \geq n.$$

*Let  $E$  be the composite field of  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$  and  $E_\tau$ . Then we have the following formulas as elements of  $(E \otimes \mathbb{C})^\times / E^\times$  (Recall that Deligne periods  $c^\pm(M_\tau \otimes N_\pi)$  are determined up to a multiplication by elements of  $E^\times$ ). When  $n$  is odd, we have*

$$c^\pm(M_\tau \otimes N_\pi) = \begin{cases} \left\{ \left( (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{-2} \cdot J(f^\sigma) \right)^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \right\}_{\sigma \in J_E} & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \left\{ \left( (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{-1} \cdot J(f^\sigma) \right)^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \right\}_{\sigma \in J_E} & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*When  $n$  is even, we have*

$$c^\pm(M_\tau \otimes N_\pi) = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{g}(\chi_v) \left\{ \left( (2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{-1} \cdot J(f^\sigma) \right)^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \right\}_{\sigma \in J_E} & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ \mathfrak{g}(\chi_v) \left\{ (J(f^\sigma))^{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \right\}_{\sigma \in J_E} & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

*Here  $J(f)$  is defined by*

$$J(f) = \pi^k \mathfrak{g}(\varepsilon) \langle f, f \rangle$$

*where*

$$\langle f, f \rangle = \mathrm{vol}(\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathfrak{h})^{-1} \int_{\Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathfrak{h}} |f(z)|^2 y^{k-2} dx dy$$

*with  $\mathfrak{h} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \mathrm{Im}(z) > 0\}$ .*

Because of this lemma, we may explicate Deligne's conjecture (2.3) and we may state the following conjecture on the algebraicity of special values of  $L$ -functions for  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \times \mathrm{GL}_2$ .

**Conjecture 2** (Appendix to [8]). *Let  $\pi(f)$  (resp.  $\tau$ ) be an irreducible cuspidal automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  (resp.  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ ) as above. Let us define the field of rationality of  $\tau$  by*

$$\mathbb{Q}(\tau) = \{a \in \mathbb{C} \mid \sigma(a) = a \text{ for any } \sigma \in \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{C}) \text{ such that } \tau_{\mathrm{fin}}^\sigma \simeq \tau_{\mathrm{fin}}\},$$



and we write the composite field of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(f)$  by  $\mathbb{Q}(f, \tau)$ . Suppose that we have

$$k - 2m_1 \geq n.$$

Then for  $m$  such that

$$m = \frac{k - 2m_1 - n + 1}{2} - l \quad \text{where } l \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq l \leq \frac{k - 2m_1 - n}{2},$$

we have

$$\frac{L(m, \pi(f) \otimes \tau)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{2m \cdot [\frac{n}{2}]} \mathfrak{g}(\chi_{\mathbf{V}}) J(f)^{[\frac{n}{2}]}} \in \mathbb{Q}(f, \tau)$$

where the  $L$ -function  $L(s, \pi(f) \otimes \tau)$  is normalized so that it has the functional equation with respect to  $s \mapsto 1 - s$ .

*Remark 1.* When  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \simeq E^1 = \{a \in E \mid N_{E/F}(a) = 1\}$$

for some imaginary quadratic extension  $E$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Then our  $L$ -function is a Rankin–Selberg  $L$ -function for  $\mathrm{GL}_2 \times \mathrm{GL}_2$ . Moreover, when  $n = 3$ , we have

$$\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \simeq D^\times / \mathbb{Q}^\times$$

for some definite quaternion division algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . As in the previous case, by the Jacquet–Langlands correspondence, our  $L$ -function is regarded as a Rankin–Selberg  $L$ -function for  $\mathrm{GL}_2 \times \mathrm{GL}_2$ . Hence, for these cases, our conjecture is indeed a theorem of Shimura [20, Theorem 3].

*Remark 2.* Suppose  $n = 4$ . Since we have

$$\mathrm{SO}(D) \simeq \{(d_1, d_2) \in D^\times \times D^\times \mid n_D(d_1) = n_D(d_2)\} / \{(a, a) \mid a \in \mathbb{Q}^\times\}$$

where  $D$  is a definite quaternion division algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $n_D$  denotes its reduced norm, our  $L$ -function may be regarded as a Rankin triple product  $L$ -function for  $\mathrm{GL}_2$  because of the Jacquet–Langlands correspondence. Note that Deligne’s conjecture for the Rankin triple  $L$ -function was explicated by Blasius in [3]. Then our conjecture corresponds to the *unbalanced* case in the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 3** (Blasius [3]). *For  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , let  $f_i \in S_{k_i}^{\mathrm{new}}(\Gamma_0(N_i), \varepsilon_i)$  such that  $k_1 \geq k_2 \geq k_3$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  be the number field generated by the Fourier coefficients of  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . We denote by  $L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)$  the Rankin triple product  $L$ -function. Here we normalize the  $L$ -function so that it has a functional equation with respect to  $s \mapsto k_1 + k_2 + k_3 - 2 - s$ .*

1. (Balanced case) Suppose that  $k_1 < k_2 + k_3$ . Let  $A = 3 - k_1 - k_2 - k_3$ .

Then for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k_1 \leq n \leq k_2 + k_3 - 2$ , we have

$$\frac{L(n, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)}{\pi^{4n+A} \mathfrak{g}(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3)^2 \langle f_1, f_1 \rangle \langle f_2, f_2 \rangle \langle f_3, f_3 \rangle} \in \mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3).$$

2. (Unbalanced case) Suppose that  $k_1 \geq k_2 + k_3$ . Let  $B = 4 - 2k_2 - 2k_3$ .

Then for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $k_2 + k_3 - 1 \leq n \leq k_1 - 1$ , we have

$$\frac{L(n, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)}{\pi^{4n+B} \mathfrak{g}(\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3)^2 \langle f_1, f_1 \rangle^2} \in \mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3).$$

In the balanced case, using a remarkable integral representation by Garrett [9], algebraicity of the special values of Rankin triple product  $L$ -functions have been studied by Garrett [9], Orloff [16], Satoh [17], Harris–Kudla [14], Garrett–Harris [10] and Böcherer–Schulze-Pillot [4]. On the other hand, Harris–Kudla [14] showed Jacquet’s conjecture, and they proved Blasius’ conjecture at the central critical point not only in the balanced case but also in the unbalanced case under the assumption  $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 = 1$ .

### § 3. Main Result

We now state our main result in [8].

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\pi(f)$  and  $\tau$  be as in Conjecture 2. Suppose that*

$$(3.1) \quad k - 2m_1 > 2n.$$

*Then there exists a finite set  $S^\circ$  of places of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing the infinite place such that*

$$(3.2) \quad P_S(m, f, \tau) := \frac{L_S(m, \pi(f) \otimes \tau)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{2m \cdot [\frac{n}{2}]} \mathfrak{g}(\chi_{\mathbf{V}}) J(f)^{[\frac{n}{2}]}} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

and

$$P_S(m, f, \tau)^\sigma = P_S(m, f^\sigma, \tau^\sigma) \quad \text{for any } \sigma \in \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$$

*holds for any finite set  $S$  of places of  $F$  containing  $S^\circ$  and for  $m$  such that*

$$(3.3) \quad m = \frac{k - 2m_1 - n + 1}{2} - l \quad \text{where } l \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } 0 \leq l \leq \frac{k - 2m_1 - 2n - 1}{2}.$$

*In particular,*

$$P_S(m, f, \tau) \in \mathbb{Q}(f, \tau).$$

*Here  $L_S(s, \pi(f) \otimes \tau)$  denotes the partial  $L$ -function defined by*

$$L_S(s, \pi(f) \otimes \tau) = \prod_{v \notin S} L(s, \pi(f)_v \otimes \tau_v).$$

*Remark 3.* As we shall discuss below, our proof relies on the algebraicity of Fourier coefficients of Eisenstein series on Shimura varieties in the domain of absolute convergence proved by Harris [13, Theorem 8.5]. Thus the upper bound for  $l$  in (3.3) is forced upon us and the condition (3.1) becomes necessary so that the set of critical points  $m$  satisfying (3.3) to be non-empty.

*Remark 4.* In our paper [8], Conjecture 2 and Theorem 3.1 are, indeed, stated and proved, respectively, over arbitrary totally real number fields. The setting for this note is over a rational number field  $\mathbb{Q}$  just to simplify the exposition.

*Remark 5.* In our previous paper [7], we showed only the algebraicity (3.2) in the simplest case, namely when  $\tau_\infty$  is trivial and  $m$  is the rightmost critical point. Thus Theorem 3.1 is a generalization of [7, Theorem 1].

*Remark 6.* If we have the local Langlands correspondence for  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$  at each prime  $p$ , then by an argument similar to the one given in [7, Section 6], the algebraicity for complete  $L$ -functions holds (see the proof of Corollary 3.3 when  $\dim \mathbf{V} = 4$ ).

Let us give an outline of our proof of Theorem 3.1. For simplicity, we merely prove algebraicity of special values of our  $L$ -function.

*Outline of the proof of Theorem 3.1.* In order to study our  $L$ -function, we use an integral representation by Ginzburg–Piatetski-Shapiro–Rallis [11], which is given as follows.

We choose a co-dimension one subspace  $\mathbf{W}$  of  $\mathbf{V}$ , and let  $\mathbb{V} = \mathbf{W} \oplus \mathbb{H} \oplus \mathbb{H}$  where  $\mathbb{H}$  is the hyperbolic plane. We note that the symmetric space associated to  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V})$  gives a type IV tube domain.

We know that  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V})$  has a maximal parabolic subgroup  $P$  whose Levi component is  $\mathrm{GL}_2 \times \mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W})$ . Moreover,  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V})$  has another maximal parabolic subgroup  $Q$  whose unipotent radical  $U_Q$  is abelian.

Let us take an irreducible automorphic representation  $(\rho, V_\rho)$  of  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  such that a  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ -invariant bilinear form on  $V_\tau \times V_\rho$  given by

$$V_\tau \times V_\rho \ni (\phi_\tau, \phi_\rho) \mapsto \int_{\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbb{Q}) \backslash \mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})} \phi_\tau(g) \phi_\rho(g) dg$$

is not identically zero. For  $f_s \in \mathrm{Ind}_{P(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})}^{\mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})}(\pi \otimes \rho \otimes \delta_P^s)$ , we define an Eisenstein series by

$$E(g, s) := \sum_{\gamma \in P(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash \mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{Q})} f_s(\gamma g).$$

Let us take a character  $\theta$  of  $U_Q(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})/U_Q(\mathbb{Q})$  such that the identity component of the stabilizer of  $\theta$  in the Levi component  $M_Q(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  of  $Q(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  is  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Then the

global zeta integral is defined by

$$Z(s) = \int_{(\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \times U_Q)(\mathbb{Q}) \backslash (\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}) \times U_Q)(\mathbb{A}_Q)} E(h, s) \Phi(g) \theta(u) dh du$$

for  $\Phi \in V_\tau$  and  $f_s \in \mathrm{Ind}_{P(\mathbb{A}_Q)}^{\mathrm{SO}(\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{A}_Q)}(\pi \otimes \rho \otimes \delta_P^s)$ . When  $\Phi$  and  $f_s$  are decomposable, this global integral becomes an infinite product of local integrals

$$Z(s) = \prod_v Z_v(s),$$

and Ginzburg, Piatetski-Shapiro and Rallis computed local zeta integrals explicitly when all the data involved are unramified.

**Theorem 3.2** (Ginzburg–Piatetski-Shapiro–Rallis [11]). *Let  $v$  be a finite place of  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfying the following conditions.*

1.  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbb{Q}_v)$  and  $\mathrm{SO}(\mathbf{W}, \mathbb{Q}_v)$  are quasi-split.
2.  $\pi_v, \rho_v, \tau_v$  and  $\theta_v$  are unramified,
3.  $v$  does not lie over 2,

*Suppose that local components of  $\Phi$  and  $f_s$  at the place  $v$  are unramified and suitably normalized. For  $\mathrm{Re}(s) \gg 0$ , we have*

$$Z_v(s) = \frac{L\left(ns + \frac{1}{2}, \pi_v \otimes \tau_v\right)}{L\left(ns + 1, \pi_v \otimes \rho_v\right) L\left(2ns, \pi_v, r\right)}$$

where  $n = \dim \mathbf{V}$  and

$$r = \begin{cases} \wedge^2 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \mathrm{Sym}^2 & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

For an integer or a half of integer  $m$  given in (3.3), we let  $s_m = \frac{1}{n} \left(m - \frac{1}{2}\right)$ . Then we may choose  $\Phi$  and  $f_s$  satisfying following three conditions.

1. At  $s = s_m$ , the local zeta integral  $Z_v(s)$  converges and becomes a non-zero algebraic number.
2. At  $s = s_m$ , the Eisenstein series absolutely converges and becomes holomorphic Eisenstein series on the type IV tube domain. Further, it has algebraic Fourier coefficients by Harris [13, Theorem 8.5].
3. The global zeta integral  $Z(s_m)$  becomes algebraic number (since  $Z(s_m)$  can be written as a finite sum of Fourier coefficients of the holomorphic Eisenstein series).

With the above choice, we may compute  $Z_\infty(s_m)$  explicitly, and we get the following identity

$$Z(s_m) = \frac{P_S(m, f, \tau)}{P_S\left(m + \frac{1}{2}, f, \rho\right) Q_S(2m, \pi, r)} \cdot \prod_{v \in S \setminus \{\infty\}} Z_v(s_m)$$

for some finite set of places  $S$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing the archimedean place  $\infty$ . Here, we put

$$Q_S(2m, \pi, r) = \begin{cases} \frac{L_S(2m, \pi, \wedge^2)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{2m} \mathfrak{g}(\varepsilon)} & \text{when } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{L_S(2m, \pi, \text{Sym}^2)}{(2\pi\sqrt{-1})^{4m} \mathfrak{g}(\varepsilon) J(f)} & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

We know that  $Q_S(2m, \pi, r) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$  by Klingen [15] when  $n$  is odd and by Sturm [21, Theorem 1] when  $n$  is even. Thus, our choice of  $f_s$  and  $\Phi$  implies that

$$(3.4) \quad \frac{P_S(m, f, \tau)}{P_S\left(m + \frac{1}{2}, f, \rho\right)} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

As we remarked, our algebraicity result in the case of  $n = 2, 3$  is a theorem by Shimura [20, Theorem 3]. Hence, by the induction on  $n$ , our required algebraicity result follows from (3.4).  $\square$

As we remarked in Remark 2, when  $n = 4$ , Theorem 3.1 gives an algebraicity result for Rankin triple  $L$ -functions for  $\text{GL}_2$ . Since the local Langlands conjecture holds for  $\text{GL}_2$ , our assertion is for the complete  $L$ -function.

**Corollary 3.3.** *For  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , let  $f_i \in S_{k_i}^{\text{new}}(\Gamma_0(N_i), \varepsilon_i)$  be a Hecke eigenform. Let  $\pi_i$  denote the irreducible unitary cuspidal representation of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$  associated to  $f_i$ . We suppose that:*

1.  $k_2 + k_3$  is even,
2.  $k_1 > k_2 + k_3 + 4$ ,
3.  $\varepsilon_2 \varepsilon_3 = 1$ ,
4. *there exists a definite quaternion division algebra  $D$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that both  $\pi_2$  and  $\pi_3$  have the Jacquet-Langlands transfer to  $D^\times(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ .*

*Then for an integer  $m$  satisfying*

$$\frac{k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + 2}{2} < m \leq k_1 - 1,$$

we have

$$P(m, f_1, f_2, f_3) := \frac{L(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)}{\pi^{2(2m-k_1-k_2-k_3+3)} J(f_1)^2} \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

and

$$P(m, f_1, f_2, f_3)^\sigma = P(m, f_1^\sigma, f_2^\sigma, f_3^\sigma) \quad \text{for any } \sigma \in \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q}).$$

In particular,

$$P(m, f_1, f_2, f_3) \in \mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3).$$

Here we normalize  $L(s, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)$  so that it has a functional equation with respect to  $s \mapsto k_1 + k_2 + k_3 - 2 - s$ , and  $\mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$  is the number field generated by the Fourier coefficients of  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Before proceeding with a proof of this corollary, we give a remark on above assumptions. The first assumption follows from the third one, but this assumption is important for clarifying our situation, and thus we put it separately.

*Proof of Corollary 3.3.* From the fourth assumption, there is a Jacquet-Langlands transfer  $\pi_i^D$  of  $\pi_i$  ( $i=2, 3$ ) to  $D^\times(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Then the third assumption implies that  $\pi_2^D \otimes \pi_3^D$  gives an automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(D, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ , which is possibly reducible. Let  $\tau_D$  be one of irreducible constituents of this automorphic representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(D, \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{Q}})$ . Then we know that

$$L(s, \pi_{1,v} \otimes \tau_{D,v}) = L(s, \pi_{1,v} \otimes \pi_{2,v} \otimes \pi_{3,v})$$

for every place  $v$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Further, we note that the archimedean component of  $\tau_D$  is the representation of  $\mathrm{SO}(D, \mathbb{R})$  with the highest weight  $\left(\frac{k_2+k_3}{2} - 2, \frac{|k_2-k_3|}{2}\right)$ . Thus, because of the second assumption, we may apply Theorem 3.1 to  $\pi_1$  and  $\tau_D$ . Indeed, taking the normalization of  $L$ -functions into account, we have for some finite set of places  $S$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,

$$\frac{L_S(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)}{\pi^{2(2m-k_1-k_2-k_3+3)} J(f_1)^2} \in \mathbb{Q}(f_1, f_2, f_3)$$

with the integer  $m$  such that  $\frac{k_1+k_2+k_3+2}{2} < m \leq k_1 - 1$ . Furthermore, for every finite place  $v \in S$ , we have

$$L_v(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_2) \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}$$

and

$$L_v(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_2)^\sigma = L_v(m, f_1^\sigma \otimes f_2^\sigma \otimes f_2^\sigma)$$

for every  $\sigma \in \mathrm{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$  (see [10, (4.9.14.1)] and a proof of [7, Thorem 2]). Here, this local  $L$ -factor is the local  $L$ -factor attached to the local Langlands parameter of  $\pi_{i,v}$ . Then augmenting  $L_v(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_2)$  to  $L_S(m, f_1 \otimes f_2 \otimes f_3)$  formally, we obtain our required result.  $\square$

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